Flourishing Organ Trade

27. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is amerging as the largest and fastest growing international Market for Organ trade as per the news-item entitled "Flourishing organ Trade", which appeared in the Times of India, dated 26th May, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have conducted any inquiry into the allegations; if so, what are the finding thereof; and

(d) what remedial steps Government have taken/proposed to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The Government have seen the news item entitled "Flourishing Organ Trade", which appeared in Times of India, dated 26th May, 1992, and, are aware of the illicit trading in human organs in the country.

(b) The Government have no reliable details in this regard.

(c) and (d) Reports received are invariably taken up with the State Government. With a view to regulate the trading in human organs, the Government is contemplating enactment of a comprehensive legislation which will be applicable throughout the country. The proposed legislation, *inter alia*, includes provision to empower the Government to notify hospitals having necessary infrastructure for the purpose of removal of human organs and carrying out transplantations, bannial sale of human organs for valuable considerations and promoting voluntary donation of human organs from living persons to near relatives only.

Committee for Prevention of Water Borne Diseases

28. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have constituted a committee in oversee and monitor the steps taken in the Capital (Delhi) to prevent and tackle the spread of cholera, gastroenteritis and allied diseases during the current year; if so, what are the terms of reference; and

(b) what progress has so far been made by the committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARATHA): (a) Yes, Sir. The terms of reference of the Committee are:—

(i) to periodically assess the position regarding the reported outbreak of cholera and gastroenteritis in Delhi,

(ii) to suggest suitable remedial actions to be taken by the concerned agencies to curb the menance; and

(iii) to evaluate and monitor the progress of the necessary remedial action as may be decided upon from time to time.

(b) The Commitee met on 15-6-92 and reviewed the position and the measures adopted as per decisions taken in the two earlier meetings held on 21-5 92 and 29-5-92 for controlling the outbreak. The Committee decided to continue with the various preventive and remedial measures more vigorously, particularly keeping in mind the coming monsoon season.

Spreading of Water Borne Diseases

29. SHRI RAJUBAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 31st May, 1992, captioned "Cholera exposes callousness";